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CAMPUS SECURITY

Student escapes assault

By KAYLEA HUTSON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A set of keys and a little training may have saved the life of a Missouri Southern student last month.

Joyce Reniker, junior criminal justice major, was able to fight off an attacker Dec. 13 in the parking lot behind Spiva Library.

Reniker left Spiva Library at 8 p.m. to walk to her car in the gravel lot behind the library and Young Gymnasium.

"I was in the front of the lot; it was darker than over by the paved lot," she said. "I got about four to five yards from my car and then felt someone grab my jacket."

I turned to make sure I didn't know the person. I told him to let go."

Reniker said her assailant did not respond verbally to her request and did not release her jacket.

"I hit him with my keys; I have a Kubaton with key chains at one end," she said. "Then I kicked him in the chest, and when he went down I kicked him in the head."

Reniker then jumped in her car, drove home, and called the Joplin Police Department.

She said she thought she saw her attacker two days later while shopping in Joplin. After calling the JPD, she and her mother sat in the parking lot until the man left the store to get his license number and description of his car.

However, the man apparently was not her attacker. The suspect is described as a white male, approximately 6-foot tall, between 25-30, with light brown hair. At the time of the attack he had a five o'clock shadow with cuts and possible injuries to the left side of his face from Reniker's keys.

The case is still under investigation by the JPD.

Joplin patrolman Gary Montgomery said someone approached on campus by a potential attacker, defense tactics should be kept to a minimum.

"It should be simple, very basic, and require a minimal amount of practice," Montgomery said. "In a stressful situation, the more complex the situation the harder it is to react."

FROSTY FROLICKING



Rachael Doubleday, 3, Oronogo, and Ali Wilbert, 3, Joplin, get a push from Lisa Shields during play time at the child development center last week when snowy weather blanketed the four-state area.

STUDENT SENATE

'Chart' protests closure

Meeting may be in violation of Sunshine Law

By KAYLEA HUTSON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In an apparent violation of the Missouri Open Meetings and Open Records (Sunshine) Law, the Student Senate closed a portion of last night's meeting to discuss the impeachment of a senator.

Cami Davey, Senate president, requested that those in the gallery who were not senators leave while the Senate discussed a "personnel matter."

Senators were debating the fate of Bill Wallis, freshman senator, because he no longer met the 2.0 grade-point average the Senate requires for holding office. [See related story, page 3.]

Paula Smith, campus editor of The Chart, immediately protest-

ed the move into closed session.

"I told Cami they couldn't close the meeting," Smith said. "She informed me they could because of their constitution."

Doug Carnahan, Senate adviser, concurred with Davey and had the room cleared.

Following a 50-minute closed session, the Senate voted 19-7 to impeach Wallis.

After the meeting, Davey cited Article VII, Section 3 of the Senate constitution as a basis for closing the meeting. According to the Senate's constitution, "The Senate may conduct closed meetings upon the adoption of a motion to that effect."

However, the Senate failed to make a motion to close the meeting and simply had the room cleared.

"We weren't even planning on having it closed," Davey said. "It was something we did at that time."

Carnahan contended the meeting had not been closed, but

simply one item. He justified the action by saying it had been taken at the request of Wallis.

However, according to the Missouri Sunshine Law, public governmental bodies must post a meeting notice at least 24 hours prior to a meeting. The notice must include whether the meeting is open or closed.

The agenda of last night's meeting made no mention of discussion regarding Wallis' position in the Senate or a potential closed session.

"[Closing the meeting] was not to keep you from knowing what was going on but to safeguard Bill's feelings," Davey said. "I wasn't aware of [the Sunshine Law]. That doesn't make it right, but it wasn't purposefully done to do injustice to anyone."

Troy Comeau, a senior senator who carries a copy of the Sunshine Law, reportedly told Davey 49 minutes into the closed session that the Senate may be in violation of the law.

DENTAL HYGIENE

Program lands \$211,000 gift

Clinic to bear donor's name

By KAYLEA HUTSON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A substantial donation has created a number of possibilities for Missouri Southern's dental hygiene program.

Last week, Dr. Donald Crockett, former owner of Crockett Oil Co., endowed the program with \$211,000 in stocks and securities.

Following the donation, the Board of Regents moved to name the dental hygiene clinic after Crockett.

Crockett, a Joplin dentist since 1941, is working part-time with Dr. Charles McGinty. He and Helen, his wife of 50 years, are

ing for it because they couldn't get hygienists down here," said Dr. Sandra Scorse, director of dental programs. "The demand locally wasn't being met."

"If it hadn't been for their push and their initiation, there would not be a program."

College President Julio Leon said he talked with Crockett when he decided to make the donation.

"He's always been a tremendous supporter of the College," Leon said. "He really believes in the importance of education."

While Crockett has not been involved in the management of the hygiene program since its inception, he has continued to support the graduates.

"My thought was to find out who the best students were and give them a job before graduation," he said. "I have had a very good experience with them."

"I have been very interested in Missouri Southern for a long time. I think it is one of the greatest assets this community has."



— Dr. Donald Crockett

lifelong residents of the area. After attending pre-dental classes at the former Ozark Wesleyan College in Carthage, he graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry.

"I have been very interested in Missouri Southern for a long time," Crockett said. "I think it is one of the greatest assets this community has."

The donation of funds by Crockett did not come as a complete surprise to the dental program, as he played a role in the creation of the program in 1974. He has been a member of the Missouri Southern Foundation board of directors since 1982.

Crockett, Dr. William McAllister, Dr. John Windle, Dr. Donald Pogue, Mary Ann Gremling, first director of dental programs; James Maupin, then-dean of technology; Nancy Karst, assistant professor of dental hygiene; and Lora Parker, hygienist, were among the first advisory committee members present when the program was formulated.

"The whole Southwest Missouri Dental Society was push-

Crockett's donation eventually will be used to purchase equipment and educational supplies and fund scholarships.

"We have a long Christmas-wish list—but all in good time," Scorse said. "We are still formulating plans with a lot of options."

She also envisions an expansion of the existing dental hygiene clinic.

"The options are limitless," Scorse said. "There is a new X-ray machine called an Extra-Oral Radiologic Device which takes an X-ray of the whole mouth."

She said this new machine would save time by allowing the technician to take one X-ray of the entire bone structure of the jaw and teeth instead of a dozen individual X-rays.

Other wishes include buying more teaching materials such as educational slides, dexters—an anatomical skull with artificial muscles and flesh attached—which the students use to practice taking radiographs.

Part of the funds will also be earmarked for scholarships for hygiene students.

SECURITY INCIDENTS



Source: MSSC Security

Graphic: Chris Lenzler

CAMPUS SECURITY

Blaine Hall biggest trouble spot in fall incident reports Southern 'pretty well crime free'

By P.J. GRAHAM
MANAGING EDITOR

Although the Missouri Southern campus has definite hot spots concerning security incidents, the face of crime during the fall semester did not shift much from normal.

"There has not been any major increase," said Terry Hylton, senior security officer. "You might have one [serious] incident and then go several years without any."

The high-incident areas include the Billingsly Student Center with nine incidents last semester, Blaine Hall (men's residence hall) with 10 incidents, and the library and the Police Academy, both having

three incidents. Hylton believes the high rate in the BSC comes from the large amount of traffic in the building.

"The number of people who go in and out of there is probably one of the reasons," he said. "That's where people go to lounge, anytime you have large groups of people, you're bound to have more problems."

Blaine Hall's situation is somewhat interesting, considering the women's residence hall, McCormick Hall, had only one incident for the semester. Hylton said there is space enough for roughly 100 more people in Blaine Hall than in McCormick Hall, and that though all doors are supposed to be locked to both residence halls

at night, security officers often have found the front door of Blaine Hall propped open at night.

Parking lots also have a number of incidents, though usually concerning traffic accidents. The two lots most listed are Lot 39, the main parking lot, with four problems, and Lot 12, the lot east of Young Gymnasium, with five reports. Again, Hylton believes these are explainable.

"Lot 12 has a lot of traffic through there," he said. "It's kind of a main thoroughfare [to Duquesne]."

He also said with Lot 12 being the main lot, a higher number of accidents can be expected.

The security force on campus has not been plagued by significantly higher numbers of problems.

"There has not been any major

increase, maybe just slightly higher," Hylton said. "I've been here three years and it's been steady."

"From what I've heard, Southern is pretty well crime-free compared to most of the colleges. We don't have that much here—at least not reported."

Security officer Craig Richardson also is heading some new programs on campus. The Lion Patrol is a service being started to escort people to their cars or to any location on campus. Anyone interested may call Richardson at 625-9391.

Also, security now has a new emergency phone number: 626-2222 off campus and Ext. 2222 on campus. After normal office hours, all calls will be forwarded automatically to the cellular phone with the officer on duty.

CAMPUS SECURITY REPORT



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| 1 | 12/10/93 POLICE ACAD. | 6:30 p.m. | Wendell Richards reported a revolver missing from the firing range after it was used for a Weapons Aspects class. |
| 2 | 12/12/93 BLAINE HALL | 9:00 p.m. | Marcus Johnson reported that he had either lost his black eel skin wallet or it had been stolen. |
| 3 | 12/14/94 LIBRARY | 8:00 p.m. | Joyce Reniker was attacked by a white male. She hit him with her keys and escaped. The attacker has not yet been apprehended. |
| 4 | 12/14/93 LIBRARY | Unknown time | Fire Inspector E.W. Goddard noticed what may have been an attempted arson fire on the east entrance of the library. |

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| 5 | 12/14/93 LOT 39 | 5:00 p.m. | Timothy Hansen was backing out his vehicle and failed to see Jane Fanoela driving through the lot; the two vehicles collided. |
| 6 | 12/16/93 LOT 11 | Unknown time | Campus security contacted Karen Wimberly to tell her someone had struck her car and drove off. The car was damaged, and white paint was found where the vehicle had been struck. |
| 7 | 12/17/93 LOT 37 | 10:00 a.m. | Cindy Boggs was driving in the BSC circle drive and caught her rear bumper on a car which pushed into a third vehicle. Boggs drove away, but witnesses reported her license number. |
| 8 | 01/03/94 CAMPUS-WIDE | | After completing an annual fire extinguisher inspection, Officer Everett Howard found 14 areas needing attention; some of the problems were remedied and the others were reported. |
| 9 | 01/05/94 WEBSTER | 4:30 a.m. | The debate team reported that a window on the third floor had been broken. The officer found a rock under the window but could not determine if it was used to strike the window. |
| 10 | 01/11/94 HUGHES STAD. | 9:30 p.m. | Custodian Emmitt Giron reported that someone had broken into a stadium concession stand and taken hot cocoa and possibly other items. |
| 11 | 12/17/94 MITCHELL HALL | 2:00 p.m. | Heather George reported a break-in and the theft of a VCR and remote control sometime during the Christmas break. |
| 12 | 01/18/94 LOT 12 | 8:00 a.m. | Marie Strohl was attempting to park her car and slid on the ice and snow and struck Brian Wellmeier's vehicle. |
| 13 | 01/19/94 OFF CAMPUS | 8:00 p.m. | Officer Everett Howard was contacted by the Joplin police to look for the whereabouts of a student who had left a suicide note. The student was found to be no threat to herself. |
| 14 | 01/25/94 LOT 34 | 3:00 p.m. | Brian Gipson reported that someone had struck his vehicle and left the scene. A broken turn signal and a dent were the damages. |

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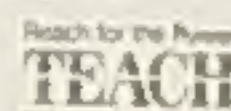
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STUDENT SENATE

Low GPA ends senator's term

By PAULA SMITH
CAMPUS EDITOR

During closed discussion last night, the Student Senate impeached Bill Wallis, freshman senator, for an insufficient grade-point-average.

The Senate voted 19-7 to dismiss him, said Cami Davey, Senate president, because "he did not qualify with the standards in the Student Senate constitution."

During the open portion of the meeting, senators granted an allocation request for \$1,000 to the Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society to attend the Southwest Social Science Association Meeting in San Antonio March 30 to April 2.

Stacey Schoen, sophomore senator and new student regent, discussed topics covered at Friday's Board of Regents meeting. Jennifer Kuncl, chair of the

United Way committee, announced plans to hold a casino night Feb. 28. Darrell King, senior senator, covered plans for the Senate's annual Jefferson City trip.

"It's a lobbying effort to go to Jefferson City to talk to legislators and try to persuade them to give more money to Missouri Southern State College," Davey said.

In last week's meeting, the Senate allocated \$500 to cover the expenses for the trip. Other business in that meeting included allocating SADHA \$1,000 to attend a Mid-Winter Dental Convention in Dallas.

Scott Hettinger, junior senator, and Kuncl addressed complaints from physically challenged students about the lack of cleared sidewalks in the residence halls and speed bumps at crosswalks.

OUT FROM THE COLD



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

Mother Nature offered people and animals a break from winter's fury this week. Dr. Jim Jackson, professor of biology, and Jennifer Ebert, junior education major, take advantage of the warmer weather to test a new camera on a gaggle of Canada geese near the Biology Pond Tuesday afternoon.

STUDENT REGENT

Schoen picked for post

By KAYLEA HUTSON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Stacey Schoen had a belated Christmas present this month when she learned she was chosen to fill the empty student regent position.

Schoen, a sophomore commercial art major from Mount Vernon, was one of three students nominated to become student regent following the graduation of Larry Seneker, senior computer science major.

In addition to Schoen, Lyla Dover, junior secondary education major, and Tom Wofford, junior physics major, were tabbed for the opening by the Student Senate executive committee.

Although Schoen attended Friday's Board of Regents meeting, she will be unable to take her new position until the Missouri Senate confirms her nomination.

She said she is excited about her new position.

"What I say is going to be heard by the people who influence the school," Schoen said. "I will be able to bring [issues] to their attention."

She said she was actively involved during her days at Mount Vernon High School and has continued to be active at Missouri Southern. Schoen is a member of the Student Senate, the Southern Concepts advertising club, and Phi Eta Sigma. She also serves as the chaplain of Alpha Sigma Alpha.

"I think this will be a great experience because it will help my communication skills and allow me to see how a big organization is run," Schoen said.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

New telephones offer more options, expandability

Beeler: Old system was 'at capacity'

By P.J. GRAHAM
MANAGING EDITOR

After six months of walking around ditches for the new telecommunications system on the campus lawn, the Missouri Southern community finally is utilizing the new campus telecommunications facility.

A Meridian phone system, one-third of the capabilities of the new campus telecommunications facility, was sufficiently completed for use by the faculty, staff, and students upon the start of the spring semester. The College had outgrown the old phone system, making a new system inevitable.

"The old system, which ran just

fine, was full and we could not make it larger," said Bob Beeler, director of the physical plant. "We had roughly 440 [lines] on it—which was right at capacity."

Beeler said one distinct advantage of the system is that Southern will not outgrow it.

"If we need to grow, we install a piece of hardware to the switch itself—and we grow," he said.

Steve Earney, assistant vice president for information services and one of several people who made the service a reality, lists other features of the new phones.

"The one that is most obvious to people is voice mail," he said, "particularly for faculty and also for dorm people."

The Meridian phones have a

digital switch rather than analog—making a clearer sound. Speed dialing, conference calls, autodial, hold, and simpler forwarding are some possibilities opened by Meridian. Menu service allows a caller to dial a single digit number for a particular part of the department after calling the department's main phone.

Earney said it was decided to leave the number "0" on all such systems to get the caller to a "real person" during business hours.

"As long as people are not adverse to using voice mail, it really facilitates the College's functions," he said. "And if they are adverse to using voice mail, they can dial '0'."

For office situations where several phones work within close proximity, four different tones can be installed into the tele-

phones in order to tell the phones apart when they ring. This feature can be added by Andy Middleton, telecommunications coordinator, upon request.

With the new system, the extensions on campus are now four-digit numbers: "3" and "9" are placed in front of the old extension number on campus, and the residence halls have a "4." There are many on campus who appreciate the Meridian system.

"I think the new system is great," said Diane Vann, secretary to science and mathematics faculty. "All the new features are time savers. As far as calls going in and out, it has all been going pretty smoothly."

Members of the social science department also commented.

"It takes some work to learn it, but I like several features on it,"

said Dr. Paul Teverow, associate professor of history. "I like that I can get my own messages when I'm out of the office."

Teverow likes the system because of the time it saves the secretaries who no longer have to take phone messages.

Though declining to go on record, some people at Southern have an opposing viewpoint about the phones. Problems mentioned include off-campus callers not leaving messages or hanging up when they hear the voice mail, faculty and staff members not answering their phones or returning messages, difficulty getting through to busy offices, and general confusion on how to use the system.

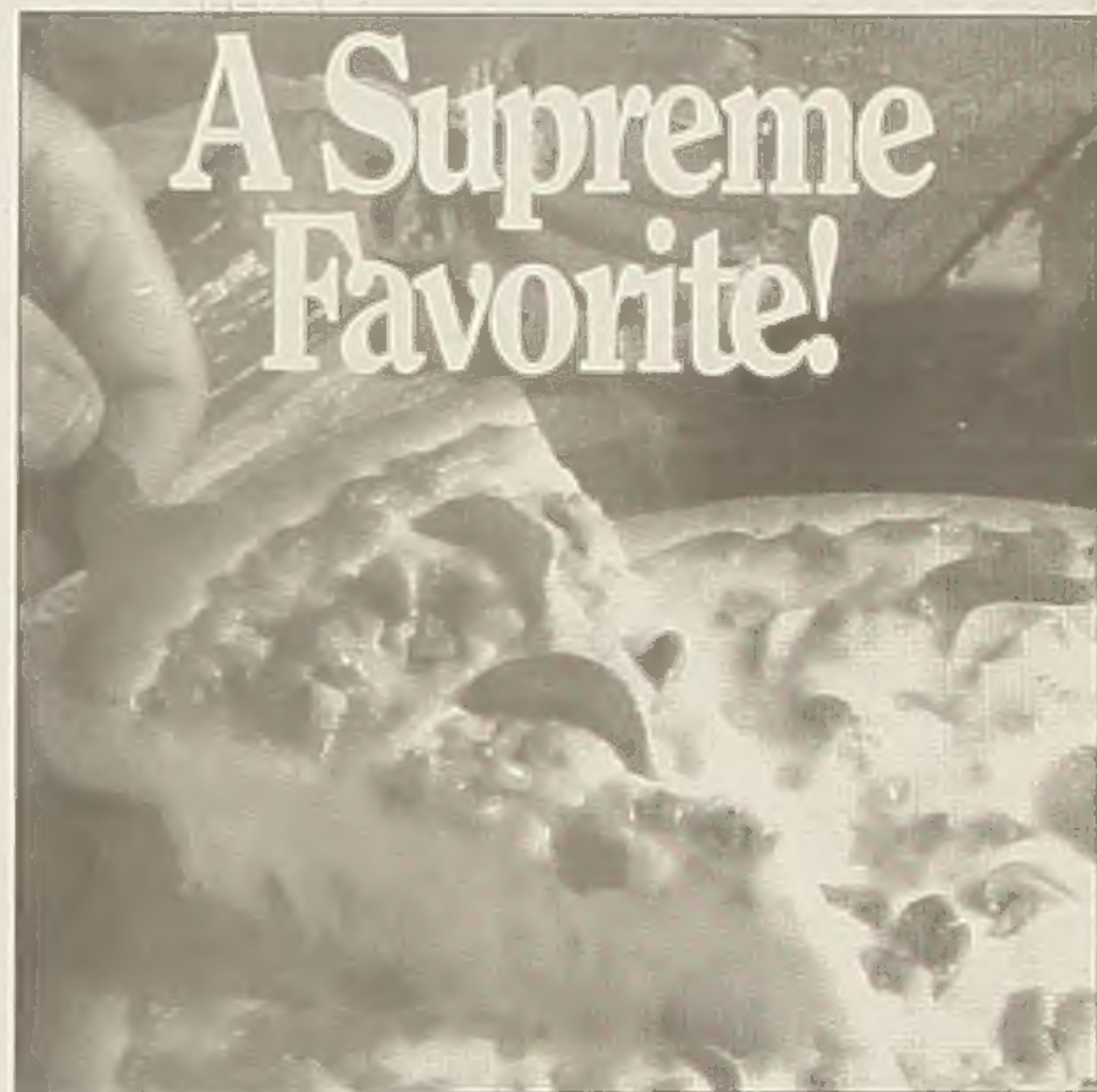
Earney said steps have been taken to eliminate the confusion of Meridian.



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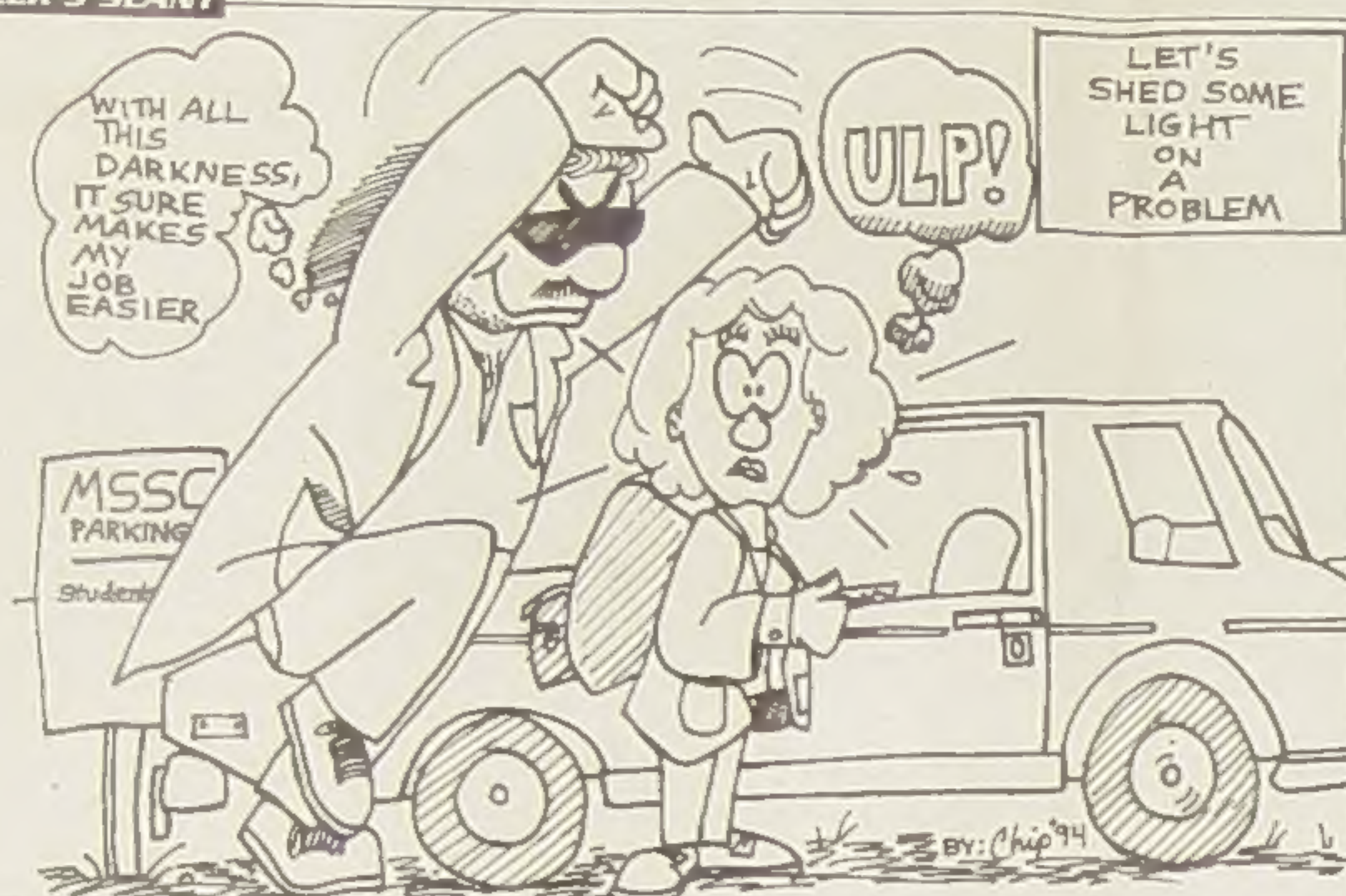
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SPENCER'S SLANT



OUR EDITORIALS

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In the dark: Lighting situation may have assisted in assault of student

When Joyce Reniker was attacked on campus Dec. 13, it was only sheer luck and her self-defense training that kept her from being seriously harmed.

Reniker was attacked in the gravel lot south of Young Gymnasium, a lot which is consistently utilized by students after dark due to its proximity to the library and athletic facilities.

However, despite evaluation after evaluation of the campus lighting situation, that lot and several other large spots remain largely in the dark. While there is no proof a lack of lighting led directly to the attack in December, surely the chances of random violence decrease as an area's illumination increases.

College officials will point to the addition of 27 decorative lanterns across the campus oval as their attempt to improve campus lighting, but let's

be real. While many would say the lanterns are attractive, they hardly can be construed as true safety-type lighting.

In addition to the gravel lot behind the gymnasium, several areas including the gravel lot between Webster Hall and the ECM building and the lot south of Hughes Stadium are often largely pitch dark.

We suggest the College take a good, hard look at the lighting situation and reevaluate whether spending nearly \$1,000 per decorative lantern is truly the best way to ensure the campus is safely lit.

Joyce Reniker and Missouri Southern were fortunate this time, but what about next time? With large expanses of darkness across campus, it only stands to reason there will be a next time.

Dozing off: Senate closes eyes, ignores Missouri's Sunshine Law

Wake up, Senate.

The fact that the Student Senate conducted a closed session in apparent violation of the Missouri Open Meetings and Open Records (Sunshine) Law bothers us, but not nearly as much as the ignorance it displayed in doing so.

Senate President Cami Davey said she was unaware of the law, and Senate adviser Doug Carnahan contended that because the business discussed was only one item, the meeting was not closed.

Please.

When the room was cleared and the Senate conducted business, the meeting was then closed and the Senate was in violation of state law. This is troubling, but the missteps do not end there. The fact that there *never* was a motion to clear the

room (the justification used by Davey) illustrates an "asleep at the switch" attitude we should hardly expect from a governmental body.

Additionally, the impeachment of an elected official is a matter for public record. When Bill Wallis sought and was elected to office he assumed the responsibility of being publicly accountable for his actions. The law cannot be ignored to spare the feelings of any individual. When elected officials censure each other behind closed doors, accountability becomes a joke.

This is not the first time the Senate has ignored the Sunshine Law. In 1989, a *Chart* reporter was booted from a meeting, and we pointed out that transgression in the strongest possible language. Carnahan should have remembered that incident and prevented a repeat occurrence.

YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and should include a phone number for verification purposes. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall or fax them to (417) 625-9742 by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

Becker: 'Thanks for all the grand experiences'

I felt obligated to say "good bye" to all of the students who offered me such tremendous support over the past two-and-a-half years. I have been impressed with the quality of undergraduate students, and their drive to succeed. I can honestly say that the students will be greatly missed.

During the final days of 1993, it became painfully obvious that I lacked administrative support. It also became evident that my persistent presence would extend the student unrest revolving around my

announced resignation. I was given assurance that my leaving would in no way penalize or negatively affect any of the students. Because of my respect and affection for the marvelous MSSC students, I felt that leaving the picture would only benefit students, and not being able to teach any longer would only touch me negatively.

My experience in southwest Missouri has been eventful. I came with a full and close family unit, excited about a new career opportunity. Now, unemployed, alone, and professionally shamed, my spirit, emotions, and body

are broken; it is time to retire and quietly walk away.

I pray for all of the students, and hope for a successful and rewarding career for all of them. I will remember the students after leaving, and am confident that as I face my maker, the truth will be realized. I have a clear soul. Thanks for all of the grand experiences, and good-bye.

Randal L. Becker
Associate Professor of Education

"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."

—Martin Luther King Jr.

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Watch your mouth

Political correctness serves little purpose

In debating the subject of this column, I determined I wanted to write about the folly of political correctness. You're aware of the movement sweeping this great nation—even reaching into good ol' Missouri Southern.

What really started my interest in this was a recent rerun of *Murphy Brown*, when the entire crew of FYI had to attend a cultural sensitivity class because of viewers' negative letters when Murphy managed to offend the Muslim religion, Girl Scouts, and apple pie in one episode. Basically the class taught the staff that the only way not to offend anyone was to keep their mouths shut.

The news show segment on Mort Walker, creator of *Beetle Bailey*, also raised my blood pressure. The segment criticized Walker for creating Corporal Yo too intelligent and efficient and the blond secretary for being a bimbo because she is a stereotypical secretary who only files one thing, her nails. Poor Walker has reached the point where he cannot put anything in the cartoon without making someone angry. The simple existence of Sgt. Louis Lugg offends people because she is over weight—excuse me, person of size.

I must say even *The Chart* staff has been known to argue the merits of what is proper anymore.

In an informal survey of anyone who got within shouting distance of my computer, I discovered many new terms which the public should become acquainted with.

Did you know that you're not short, but vertically challenged, or vertically enhanced instead of being tall?

Hey, all of those men going bald—never fear, you are only follicly-disadvantaged. And being old is now chronologically gifted.

Even being dead is not sacred since you are now terminally inconvenienced. Those of you who are married are now domestically incarcerated.

My copy editing text.

book has been unable to escape the PC movement. In the chapter titled "Sexism, Racism and Other -isms," I found the following warning for articulate: "can be offensive when referring to a member of a minority group and his or her ability to handle the English language; usage suggests that 'those people' are not considered well-educated or articulate." Why do we need "isms" or other categories to describe people? Is it too difficult to simply accept everyone for who they are?

PC began as a way to end verbal stereotypes, but now it has become a way to create even more problems.

I know of one black man here at Southern who becomes angry when you call him an African-American because he doesn't know if his roots actually extend to Africa.

Am I a visually and vertically challenged Euro-American woman who is a financially unenhanced college student, or simply a college student who happens to be short and wear glasses?

It is time to simply accept people for who they are instead of wasting time trying not to offend everyone.



By Kaylea Hutson
Editor-in-Chief

EDITOR'S COLUMN

And justice for all

'Court TV' leaves much to be desired

After reading an article on televised court trials in a recent edition of *The Economist*, I began wondering whether this relatively new development actually is an improvement.

As someone interested in how the media are treated, I was rather ecstatic about this advancement. However, now having watched the Kennedy, Menendez, and Bobbitt trials as samples of what "Court TV" can encompass—I can simply say that televised courts have not completely won my support.

Admittedly, there are a few good points to make about "Court TV." It has taken the mystery out of court trials: no longer are there vague sketches of courtroom scenes and summaries by reporters told in 15-second blips. People no longer have to rely on episodes of "L.A. Law" or "Law and Order" to understand the courtroom and its procedures.

Some believe court TV shows how crimes are put in a somber light in a courtroom—*The Economist* article says Steven Brill (who runs the Courtroom Television Network, or Court TV) believes showing the Kennedy case

helped prevent people from believing the Kennedys fixed the case.

Yet it is hard to believe television in the courtroom will give the public more clarity in looking at all cases; in many respects Court TV may do just the opposite. While being able to watch the

trials may be interesting and illuminating for some, many others seem to treat it as a replacement for soap operas. I cannot help

but wonder what will happen if society watches these cases simply for the sake of entertainment (and don't tell me it doesn't happen. I know people who plan their week's schedule in order to follow a case.)

How will this affect the public's views on our judicial system? And affect it will. Prior to television, wars may have been protested but not to the degree of protests for Vietnam—the first TV war—for those who want me to say Vietnam "conflict," please see the above column and understand that I am not very PC) and certainly Vietnam was the first war whose veterans found themselves protested as well. So what will television do to courts?

—Please turn to
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By P.J. Graham
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MOLLY IVINS

Civilians need to vote for more than good hair

Primaries should be taken seriously as politics heat up

By MOLLY IVINS

Goody gumdrops, the political season has finally started to hot up. Rumors are flying, vile canards are being set afoot (I'm not sure one can actually set a canard afoot, but wotthehell), and serious students of the game are sitting down with slide rules and compasses to see if they can figure out which candidate in their primary has the best



Molly Ivins

chance of beating the likely victor in the other. As Gen. George S. Patton used to say, God help me, I love it.

I still hew to the theory that primaries are where you get to vote your heart: You pick the candidate closest to your interests, whether he has good hair or not. Look at it this way: Voting in the primary makes for much better general elections. Everybody complains come fall because all we usually get is a choice between two guys with good hair who don't say anything. If we'd just get out and vote in the primaries for the people who actually stand for something, we could have fall fights about real

issues. You fall-only voters are like Christmas-and-Easter churchgoers. 'Tain't enough. You need to get down here in the trenches and sweat with the rest of us who take citizenship seriously.

Now here's some good news for the citizenry and bad news for journalists. The Public Utility Commission of Texas, long famed in song and story as a ridiculous bunch of feuding knot-heads, has been so reformed and transformed that it's now a showcase for what putting smart, sensible people onto regulatory boards can do for the general good. Going to cover PUC meetings used to be like covering wrestling matches; Hulk Hogan would've felt right at home. Attila the Hun (Marta Gretok, now running in the Republican primary for

land commissioner) would square off against Battlin' Jo Campbell or Poor Paul Meek for verbal fistcuffs that attained positively poetic levels of name-calling.

Now what to our wondering eyes should appear but three public utility commissioners remarkable for both brains and civility. Robert Gee, Karl Rabago and Sharon Goodfriend are all Ann Richards appointees, and for once, we have three commissioners who actually understand utility regulation better than the lobbyists for the utilities. This bunch is not so much pro-consumer as just plain smart. The result is long, serious meetings where they decide cases on their merits. It's unheard of and also makes for dull newspaper copy. Much more of this good-govern-

ment stuff, and reporters will rebel.

But just to show you that not all of Gov. Richards' picks are infallible, she just put a Republican on the University of Texas System board of regents. Thomas Hicks, a Dallas financier, was supposedly chosen because he knows a lot about investments and finance. Maybe the governor was impressed with his political acumen as well. In 1990, Hicks gave \$25,000 to Claytie Williams. Who won that election, anyway? Hicks has also given money to Republicans Barry Williamson and Bill Clements. Fred Ellis, of Richards' appointments staff, said that believe it or not, they don't check contribution records. They needed someone on the board who knows

investments, and he just seemed to be the best qualified.

This is an administration that has managed to find qualified blacks, qualified Hispanics, qualified women, qualified Asian-Americans, qualified you-name-it without trouble. Richards has made or kept Republican appointments before, usually to pay back a Republican legislator for a vote on a critical issue. I suppose it's admirable not to check contribution records, but ... \$25K to Claytie? For all I know, Mr. Hicks may be a splendid fellow. He'd have to be better than George Soros to calm down some of the Democrats in this state.

Ivins is with the Fort-Worth Star Telegram.

LURIE'S WORLD



How the average American male followed the Bobbitt trial

CANADA-U.S. RELATIONS

Smokers utilizing alternative markets

THE ECONOMIST

Just as booze from Canada helped undermine America's Prohibition in the 1920s, so contraband cigarettes from the United States are ruining efforts to wean Canadian smokers from another addictive habit. Cigarette smuggling along the U.S.-Canadian border has reached levels Capone would appreciate.

Last year Canadians bought around 30 billion cigarettes legally. The Canadian Tobacco Manufacturers' Council estimates 30 percent of all cigarettes sold in Canada are con-

traband. The cigarette trade is moving from corner shops and supermarkets to bars and car parks. Much of it has fallen to organized crime, with gunshots and explosions common along the St. Lawrence River. The police estimate they intercept only five to 10 percent of the illicit trade.

The boom in smuggling demonstrates that it is not as easy to tax cigarettes as punitively as politicians and health lobbyists assume. The ten provinces and the federal government tax tobacco to the hilt. In Quebec, taxes make up 75 percent of the retail price of a packet.

By pushing the cigarette trade underground, smuggling is hurting thousands of corner shops. But Canada's cigarette makers have little to lose—and may be gaining. Most smuggled cigarettes are in fact Canadian by origin, since Canadian smokers prefer flue-cured Virginia tobacco to the flavored blends preferred south of the border. Official statistics show a 15 percent drop in domestic cigarette sales in the first 11 months of 1993, but a 96 percent surge in bulk exports. The total cigarette output of Canadian tobacco companies rose by 1.4 percent.

CAREERS

Switch found refreshing

Temporary swap helps both sides, may be answer to get 'new zest'

By JOYCE LAIN KENNEDY

LOS ANGELES TIMES SYNDICATE

Dear Joyce: I'm in a bureaucracy that I'd be foolish to jettison. My problem: boredom—the same, same. Ideas?—B.V.S.

Can you propose an experiment in your bureaucracy: job switching, a temporary or permanent lateral exchange of positions with another topped-out employee?

In Northampton, Mass., high school guidance counselor Norman Smith, 62, worked at the same desk at Northampton High School for 33 years.

He's delighted to be a beginner again, spending this academic year as a rookie college admissions officer. Smith made an employment swap with Donna Lyons, 33, a college admissions officer with six years on the job at American International College in Springfield, Mass.

Both say there were initial surprises but the one-year change of positions has been rewarding, teaching each new

tricks about their old jobs.

Smith was interested in renewal, having originally sought a sabbatical for with the school district had no money. Undaunted, Smith, after clearing the proposal with his bosses, sent letters to the admissions offices of 80 colleges throughout the Northeast proposing the idea of trading places with one of their staffers.

He received 78 rejections and two letters of approval, one from Lafayette College in Pennsylvania and one from American International College in Springfield, Mass.

"I realized how convenient a swap with someone from nearby American International College would be," says Smith, "and Donna Lyons had all the credits toward certification."

"It couldn't have worked out better."

Lyons was interested in broadening her career options, which is why she jumped at the chance to earn internship credits toward state certification as a high school guidance counselor. That's smart thinking in a time when job security may depend on the mobility to move from one occupation to another.

Both Smith and Lyons continue to be paid by their home schools and both expect to return to their original positions when the cross-jobbing

venture is over this summer. Smith says he learns something new about his old job every day.

"Having worked closely with college admissions people for nearly 30 years, I thought I knew what it was all about, but I soon learned that I had no sense of what this job really entailed," he said. "Since coming aboard at American International College, my respect for them has increased 100 percent."

Lyons also has gained a new appreciation for the other side of the desk. "I used to wonder why high school guidance counselors didn't send documents on time. Now I'm amazed at what they accomplish; every minute of my day is filled with activity. And, like many of my colleagues here at the high school, I also coach sports."

Smith travels the region, hitting college fairs and high school guidance offices at a rate of three a day, singing the praises of his college. Lyons, meanwhile, is getting to know several hundred students at Northampton High whose last names start with the letters D through K.

Trading places may or may not be the answer to your search for new zest in life. But it's worth considering.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Shoplifters try to stuff VCR, 57 packs of cigarettes in clothes

By CHUCK SHEPHERD

UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Police in Taylorsville, N.C., arrested three women for a one-night shoplifting binge on Aug. 13. One woman was charged with smuggling a VCR out of a Western Auto store in the waistband of her shorts, and another was accused of stuffing 57 packs of cigarettes into her bra and walking out of another store.

NOTABLE NAMES

Science fiction author Lester Del Rey passed away in New York City in May at age 77. His obituary gave his real name as Ramon Felipe San Juan Mario Silvio Enrico Smith Heathcourt-Brace Sierra y Alvarez del Rey y de los Uerdes.

In January, a woman, Rose I Shot To Pieces, was convicted of selling alcohol on the Pine

Ridge Indian reservation in South Dakota. And in October, Kendall "Face" Pitts was sentenced to 15 years in prison in Durham, N.C., for a drug-related shooting.

The body of a Nashville, Tenn., woman who died in a fire in August was sent to her hometown of Bowling Green, Ky., where burial arrangements were made by the Burnom and Son Funeral Home.

A 1-year-old girl named Special Lemons survived a collision in July in which a car smashed into a bus-stop shelter.

In Miami, in September, police stopped a man for speeding and found \$4,440 stuffed into one of his socks. A records check revealed that the man, named Promise, Marion Promise, owed more than that in child support, and the judge ordered the \$4,400 turned over to the child's mother.

Salem, Ohio police arrested the former James L. Copley, 49, for trespassing after they found him yelling at a restaurant's patrons. The man was identified as "Copley" on the arrest record although he had recently legally changed his name to Jim Crazy-for-Caring.

In the Nichirei International Women's tennis tournament in September in Tokyo, third-seeded Kimiko Date of Japan defeated Taiwan's Shi-Ting Wang.

In August, Oh Man, the vice chairman of the association that supplies interpreters of court proceedings in Japan, announced that his organization would begin to upgrade its training manuals.

From recent obituaries: Mr. Orange Dickie, 90, passed away in Touro, La. The man who choked to death on food at the K&W Cafeteria in Winston-Salem, N.C., in June was 45-

year-old Fleetus Lee Gobble. And in October, in Petersburg, Ontario, John Deadman, 63, was killed when he became entangled in heavy equipment while loading a silo.

The New York Times reported in October on the trend by Chinese people in Hong Kong to give their children Western names. Among the Chinese-surnamed people mentioned were those with first names of Cinderella, Onion, Creamy, Jackal, Civic, Scholastica, Egmont and Open. A woman named Neon Chang said that some Chinese complained about her name — not because it was too Western but because they thought Neon is a boy's name.

WELL-PUT

Coach Phil Padilla of South Harrison High School in Bethany, Mo., asked his sexual abuse trial in charge for which he was acquitted in

August whether he had ever had an extramarital affair. "Not that I'm aware of."

Eddie Robertson Jr., just sentenced to life in prison without parole in Tuscaloosa, Ala., for rape, and against whom the judge had additionally imposed an automatic \$50 assessment for a victim compensation fund: "Fifty dollars for what? I got life without parole, and I got to pay \$50?"

Darcie McNeill, 14, leading a Victoria, British Columbia, student rally against logging practices on Vancouver Island, urged school principals to permit students to attend the rally: "Any principals who would not let kids come today are fascist pigs who can rot in hell."

Former Oklahoma Rep. Kenneth Converse testified in July that he had witnessed Gov. David Walters, when Walters was a candidate for governor in 1990, promise a

state job to someone in exchange for a \$5,000 contribution. Converse said he told the grand jury that what Walters did was "highly unethical. Usually you have someone else to do it (for you)."

LEAST COMPETENT CRIMINAL

In June, Michael Norton, 37, was arrested shortly after he allegedly stole two video cameras from a Citibank in Brooklyn, N.Y. Norton's picture was available at the crime scene because he had jumped up on a counter to unscrew the cameras from the wall and in the process presented his face to the cameras. (He apparently assumed that the camera was a self-contained unit, but the unit he unscrewed contained only the lens; the recording unit was in another part of the building.)

(Send Your Weird News to Chuck Shepherd, P.O. Box 8306, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33738.)

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It seems the current situation is that it may over-dramatize the court system. The trials highlighted most are very extreme examples: two Beverly Hills brothers murder their parents, a wife cuts off her husband's penis, a Kennedy did or did not rape a woman, ect. People may soon get the impression of the court as forever interesting and gruesome while forgetting the many cases that are boring as hell to all

except those directly involved: the divorces, the drug offenders, the burglaries, the probate cases, and the prostitutes. Most cases simply would not be that impressive or stunning.

So while many are enjoying their new cable channel and Mr. Brill plans for expansion in Europe, I will remain reluctant to join the many who praise Court TV and will hope the benefits outweigh the cost—whatever that is.

Are you from overseas or have tales about an international experience? Do you know of a graduate who has become recently employed? Then contact *The Chart*; openings are now available for the Life After Graduation and Global Viewpoints columns. For more information persons interested should call Dyanna at Ext. 9311.

CAMPUS
EVENTS
CALENDAR

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Today 27

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Koinonia lunch, basement of Stegge Hall.

Noon to 1 p.m.—Latter-Day Saints Student Association, BSC 313.
Noon to 1 p.m.—Ecumenical Campus Ministries, BSC 311.

Tomorrow 28

11 a.m. to 115 p.m.—Cardinal Caravan stops at Webster Hall auditorium.
7:30 p.m.—The Nellie Bly performance and discussion with Rebecca Spracklen, Webster Hall auditorium.

Saturday 29

8 a.m.—C-Base Test, Taylor Hall, Room 113. Ten tests still available. Cost: \$37.50.
6 p.m. and 8 p.m.—Lions Basketball doubleheader vs. University of Missouri at Rolla, Young Gymnasium.

Sunday 30

7 p.m.—Wesley Foundation presents "Sunday Nite Live," Newman Road United Methodist Church.

Monday 31

4 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Greek Council, BSC 314.
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.—Sigma Nu, BSC 313.
7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.—Zeta Tau Alpha sorority rush, BSC 310. For more information, call Amy at 642-5282 or Claire at 781-8327.
7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.—CAB movie, "Posse," (R) Admission \$5.00; BSC 2nd floor lounge.

Tuesday 1

Deadline for *Winged Lion* entries, c/o Dr. Joy Dworkin, Hearnes 306. Entries may be prose, poetry, non-fiction, exposition, must be typed with a cover sheet.
Noon to 1 p.m.—LDSSA, BSC 310.
Noon to 1 p.m.—Newman Club, BSC 306.
Noon to 1 p.m.—College Republicans, BSC 311.
12:15 p.m.—English Club, Hearnes 322B.
6 p.m.—Omicron Delta Kappa, BSC 306.
7 p.m.—Koinonia, College Heights Christian Church.
7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.—Zeta Tau Alpha sorority rush, BSC 310.
7 p.m.—Financial Aid Workshop, Connor Ballroom at BSC.
7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.—CAB movie, "Posse," BSC lounge.

Wednesday 2

Groundhog Day
Noon to 1 p.m.—Baptist students, BSC 311.
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.—CAB meeting, BSC 310.
5:30 p.m.—Student Senate, BSC 310.
7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.—Zeta Tau Alpha sorority rush, BSC 310.
5:30 p.m. and 7:30—Lions basketball doubleheader vs. University of Missouri at St. Louis, Young Gymnasium.

Attention clubs:

Have any upcoming events? Let us know! 625-9311 or Ext. 9311.

WORLD TRAVEL

Century separates speakers

By PAULA SMITH
CAMPUS EDITOR

Traveling around the world will be the topic of a performance and discussion at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Webster Hall auditorium.

Rebecca Spracklen, assistant professor of English, and Ohioan Ecky Broad, who portrays 1890 world traveler and reporter Nellie Bly, will speak about how traveling has changed in the past 100 years, changing women's roles, and other subjects related to traveling.

"I thought instantly of getting them together," said Dr. Allen Hayes Merriam, professor of communications. He contacted Broad to come to Southern and perform as Nellie Bly and speak with Spracklen on stage as Bly about being a woman traveler after he read about Broad in the Hayes Presidential Center's newsletter.

Merriam, a distant relative of President Rutherford B. Hayes, read of Broad's portrayal of the president's wife, Lucy Hayes, in the newsletter. The story mentioned that Nellie Bly is one of 80 women in history who Broad portrays. She researches and writes her own shows and gives more than 100 performances a year throughout the U.S. and Canada.

"She makes history come alive," Merriam said of Broad.

The performance will include a 45-minute presentation by Broad as Nellie Bly in which she will speak of her experiences while traveling alone in 1890. Then Bly and Spracklen will share comments and stories of their travels with the audience and answer questions.

Spracklen made a trip around the world in 1991 as a joint venture of Missouri Southern and *The Joplin Globe*. She completed the trip in 77 days, from Jan. 19-

MAKING HISTORY COME ALIVE



Ecky Broad portrays Nellie Bly in her later years while visiting President Rutherford B. Hayes' home.

April 6. Her trip paralleled Nellie Bly's in that she wrote stories about the countries she visited for *The Globe*.

Spracklen's trip was titled "Around the Globe in Eighty Days." She wrote 48 articles that were published while she was on her trip and two when she returned. Due to the delay in publishing, Spracklen was back home before all the articles about her trip were published.

"My editor saw me in *The Globe* office and said 'You're still in Panama,'" Spracklen said. Panama and Mexico were the last countries she visited.

Spracklen's trip was initiated when the College introduced an international mission in 1990.

"Southern asked for area businesses to help them publicize their international mission," Spracklen said. "For two years *The Joplin Globe* had been thinking about sending a foreign correspondent to write stories about social issues around the world, but they couldn't afford to do it

on their own."

When Southern announced its international mission, *The Joplin Globe* renewed its hope of a foreign correspondent and contacted College President Julio



Rebecca Spracklen

Leon with the proposal of jointly sending a person to represent Southern and the newspaper.

Spracklen was a copy editor for

The Joplin Globe for four years before she began teaching at Southern. For this reason, she was contacted first to be the correspondent.

"After a period of deciding if I had the social skills or the stamina I needed, I accepted the position," she said.

Spracklen was asked to write stories about "places that had seen or were seeing significant changes," she said. Because she left for her trip two days after Operation Desert Storm began, many trips were canceled and she encountered tight security at most airports, she said.

Traveling around the world in less than 80 days, the record of the fictitious Phileas Fog, was the goal of newspaper reporter Nellie Bly. She accomplished her goal on Jan. 25, 1890, when she returned to the United States after a 72-day journey around the world. During her trip, Bly sent stories of her impressions of the countries she visited to *The New York World*.

COLLEGE ORIENTATION

LeBahn: Experience benefits all

Classes require about 45 leaders

By PAULA SMITH
CAMPUS EDITOR

Lori LeBahn, director of orientation, is seeking applicants to be College Orientation leaders. Applications are due in the counseling center by Feb. 18.

Orientation leaders are responsible for teaching classes of 11 to 20 freshmen, transfer, or non-traditional students in an eight-week session. Leaders must participate in spring training sessions and weekly fall leadership meetings.

"It's a lot of work for two hours of credit," LeBahn said. But, she added, leading an orientation class is worthwhile. "The two issues of public speaking and working with groups of people will be beneficial to students in most every career."

Leaders of the orientation classes enroll in Psy 498 Leadership Training. The class was created for the leaders and is worth two hours of credit. Returning leaders receive one hour of credit.

Every applicant will be interviewed by LeBahn and the orientation executive committee, which consists of former orientation leaders. Interviews are scheduled for Feb. 21 to March 2.

Approximately 45 leaders are needed. Orientation leaders for 1994 will be announced March 11.

Making students more aware of campus services and facilities and giving them academic assistance is the purpose of the orientation classes, LeBahn said. The goal of the program is retention, she said.

"Missouri Southern has an 89 percent retention rate from semester to semester," LeBahn said. The national average is 50 percent.

Applicants should be enrolled at Southern and have completed 50 hours (including this semester) and have at least a 2.5 grade-point average. Strong interpersonal/social skills, past

leadership experience, a solid academic background, and a familiarity with Southern's campus are other requirements.

The orientation class is required for all freshmen and is an option for transfer and non-traditional students.

Since 1983, the orientation classes have been led by students.

"Now that it's peer-led, our retention rate has soared," LeBahn said. She said before the change from instructor- to student-led classes, Southern's retention rate was about the national average.

Interested students may contact LeBahn at her office in Hearnes Hall, Room 115 or call 625-9542 or Ext. 9524.

FINANCIAL AID

Workshop to help with process

By WILLIAM GRUBBS
STAFF WRITER

Financial aid helps many, but getting it sometimes can be a frustrating ordeal.

The financial aid office at Missouri Southern will present a workshop at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Billingsly Student Center to help students get through the struggle.

"It's to acquaint students, especially incoming students, with the financial aid process,"

said Mark Frerer, financial aid counselor. "It's to refresh students and remind them about things they need to do when they apply."

"It's a courtesy to students," said Karen Hill, financial aid counselor. "It will help them to help us process their financial aid."

Even though financial aid is incapable of helping everyone, Frerer said many students at Southern are being served.

"As a whole, we have probably close to 70 percent of the stu-

dents here at Southern who are on some type of financial aid, which is pretty high," Frerer said.

The future of financial aid is looking bright, Hill said.

"The future is growing, and it is changing," she said.

"It's hard to see what's going to happen in the future," Frerer said. "There are changes as far as the way financial aid is being processed. We're getting more into computers because we're trying to speed up the process as far as processing time."

???? CAMPUS QUERIES ????

"Considering the severity of the road condition last Tuesday, why was Missouri Southern one of the few schools to remain open? Also, how does the College determine when to close the school?"—d.s.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said if security officers notice bad weather in the evenings they call Bob Beeler, director of the physical plant, and he "makes an investigation." If he finds reason to worry about bad weather, he contacts Tiede and they go to the campus and evaluate the conditions. If the two believe the weather merits attention, they call College President Julio Leon with suggestions.

As for Tuesday, "We felt the roads were passable on Tuesday and that the roads on campus were in good condition. The physical plant was working on the campus Monday, and we felt good about it."

Have a question about the Missouri Southern campus or College procedures? Send it to P.J. Graham, *The Chart*, 333 Webster Hall, call 625-9311 or fax it to 625-9742.

CARD CARAVAN

MSTV to host players

By JOHN ELLEDGE
STAFF WRITER

The Cardinal Caravan is making a swing through southwest Missouri tomorrow, including an 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. stop at Missouri Southern.

St. Louis pitchers Rheni Cormier and Allen Watson, infielder Jose Oquendo, third baseman Stan Royer, announcer Mike Shannon, and Cardinal mascot Fredbird are scheduled to appear in the Webster Hall auditorium. Mike Ball, account executive of group sales; Joe Strohm, group sales director; and Thane Van Breusogen, supervisor of promotions, also will take part.

The Caravan will grant one-on-one interviews with the local press prior to a public question and answer session at 11:30 a.m. An autograph session for those 15 and under will follow.

"This is good for the community and College," said Judy Stiles, general manager of Missouri Southern Television.

"This is a promotional tour to generate interest in the Cardinals before spring training."

"The Cardinals don't realize how much fan support there is down here," said Jean Campbell, promotions director for Missouri Southern Television.

Stiles has traveled around the state since 1988 to interview Caravan participants. She has attempted to persuade them to include Joplin on their stops. Chuck Aiken of Larry Hickey Distributors in Joplin has also worked at getting the Caravan to visit Joplin.

"These guys help promote and sell our product (Anheuser Busch)," Aiken said. "That was our main goal in getting them here."

MSTV has carried Cardinal baseball since 1988. This season it will carry 60 Cardinal telecasts, including spring training games.

Communications students will tape the Cardinals' visit for airing at 8 p.m. Sunday on MSTV. Members of the Southern baseball team will assist with ushering.

Faculty members are excited about the visit.

"It's a great idea, it's a super idea," said Dr. Jim Sandrin, head of the education department. "I've been a fan as long as I can remember."

Ed Wuch, audio-visual and government documents librarian, was an original member of the St. Louis "Knothole Gang."

"We got to watch the Cardinals and Brownies play for 25 cents," said Wuch, who played against Shannon in high school.



JOPLIN POLICE

Traffic fatalities fall 50%

By J.K. NEWTON
STAFF WRITER

More police on the streets meant fewer traffic accidents last year, according to the Joplin Police Department.

The department reported a 5 percent reduction in traffic accidents over the past year. There were 2,177 in 1993 compared to 2,278 in 1992.

"When the abnormally high number of days of inclement weather we had for 1993 and the normal increase in traffic from expansion and growth are considered, the 5 percent reduction is a great accomplishment," the report stated.

Joplin police used increased patrols and high-accident location saturation to help control the problem.

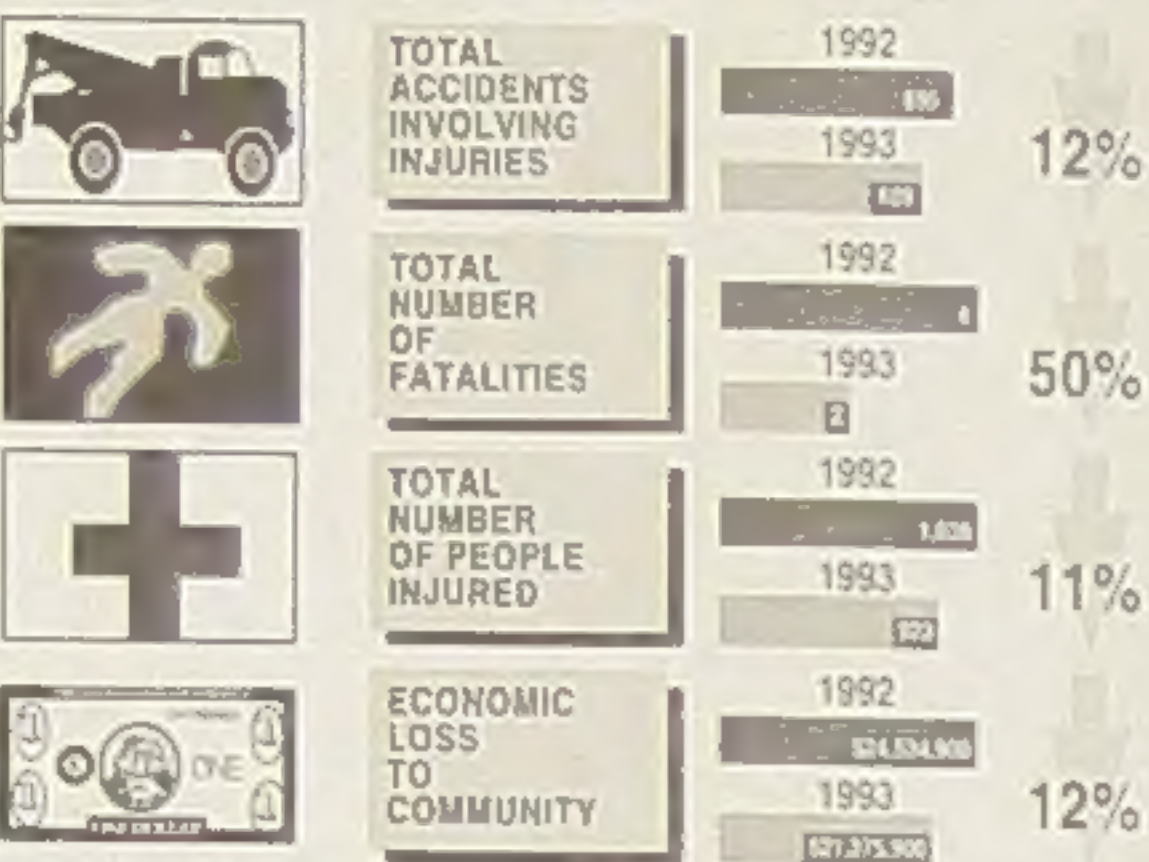
"I think the combination of the weather and the increased saturation details that we conducted...really reduced [the accident levels]," Cpl. Geoff Jones said.

Accidents were also lower during the holidays, Jones said. Accidents for December were down about 10-12 percent.

"The high visibility, plus reminding people to drive more carefully, played a role in reducing that," Jones said.

There were fewer injuries, fatalities, and economic losses

FENDER BENDER



Until 1993, all accidents on I-44 were handled by the Missouri Highway Patrol. In 1993, Joplin Police handled I-44 accidents, one of which was a fatality.

SOURCE: Joplin Police Dept.

GRAPHIC: Jeffery Saxon

in Joplin in 1993 as a result of the decrease in traffic accidents.

The report states in 1992 there were 695 accidents involving injuries. That number was reduced by 12 percent to 609 in 1993.

The number of traffic fatalities was cut in half in 1993. The report said there were four fatalities in 1992 and two last year. One of the fatalities occurred on I-44, which the Joplin police began patrolling in 1993.

The report also specifies the number of individuals injured or killed for the two years. In 1992

there were 1,042 injuries and deaths. The number fell by 11 percent in 1993 to 928.

The fewer accidents resulted in reduced economic loss to the community. The report documented a 12 percent decrease from \$24,534,900 in 1992 to \$21,375,900 in 1993.

Lt. Lance Nichols said the police department plans to continue saturation patrols, D.W.I. task forces, and high accident location saturation to reduce accidents further in 1994.

Jones said, "When people see a patrol car, I think they drive a little safer."

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Murder sparks town meeting

Panelists offer tips to parents

By P.J. GRAHAM
MANAGING EDITOR

With the finding of Carthaginian Douglas Ringler's burnt body last month, a public town meeting in Carthage Tuesday night covering child abduction and sexual abuse drew concerned and worried participants.

"Parents need to act like a pack of wolves and put their child in the center when danger comes around," said Jerry Neal, deputy sheriff. He and other panelists present offered such suggestions during their analysis of offenders and their victims.

The meeting started with a showing of Oprah Winfrey's special "Think First, Stay Safe." The show features investigative reporter Ken Wooten, who displayed how children who have been taught "not to go with strangers" do just that for abductors with the right tricks. As Winfrey states in the special: "Children don't perceive nice strangers as the strangers they are warned about."

The show proceeds to show several "lures" used on children: the "assistance" scam, where the abductor gets the child to help him with something like finding his dog; bribery, usually with drugs and alcohol; or the "emergency," usually a stranger approaches the child and tells

him that something has happened to a family member and he was sent to pick the child up.

After "Think First, Stay Safe," sexual abuse victim Jade DeWalt spoke of her experiences as a victim and what she believes needs to be done to prevent such acts. She said part of her problem was that her family did not instill self-worth in her as a child and never let her express herself.

"I learned that I must never notice what was wrong," she said. "I was convinced that I was powerless and deserved to be hurt."

"The messages we give our children are powerful."

A panel of 10 professionals followed with descriptions of the offenders, victims, treatments available, and methods of protection they worked with followed DeWalt. The panel gave two-fold treatment: the protection of children and learning when they are being victimized and then the treatment of sex offenders.

Several suggestions were given to decrease the chance of a child being abused: empower the child with the knowledge that it is all right to say "no" to adults; children taught that adults are in total control and cannot be argued with may not tell when someone is violating them. Also, parents should not make "strangers" seem mean as many abductors appear "normal" to children, keep communication lines open and not to settle for "pat" answers so the child knows you will not panic if anything does happen, inform children of the "lures" abductors use, and

even people familiar to a family can be suspicious, too.

"Anytime people want to play with the children with the door shut would concern me," said Gary Davis, who works polygraphing sexual offenders and as a private investigator.

Some of the warning signs children give off are a drop in grades, anxiety, depression, self-destructive behaviors, advanced sexual knowledge, bedwetting, sleep disturbances, and mood swings. Physical conditions parents are warned to look for include bruises, bleeding, genital infections, and itching of the genital or anal area. The panelists also encouraged victims, both children and adults, to seek help with well-trained therapists.

The experts also broke several myths about sexual offenders.

"Pornography is not a common denominator; being molested as a child is not a common denominator," Davis said. "Alcohol and substance abuse is regular for offenders."

"We know that sex offenders are not 'ill,'" said Gail Roberson, of the Family Life Center in Kansas. "Offenders molest children because that is their sexual orientation—they like it."

With modern therapy, sexual offenders actually can be helped. Cheryl Butler, S.T.O.P. evaluator, said that before treatment, offenders returned to their crimes 30 to 70 percent of the time. Now, an offender who completes the therapy (which lasts at least five years) has a return rate of 7 percent.

CIVIL RIGHTS COALITION

Group to fight move

By JENNIFER CAMPBELL
STAFF WRITER

A proposed amendment to the state constitution preventing Missouri from creating legislation protecting gays and lesbians from discrimination will not be around long if The Civil Rights Coalition has its way.

The Coalition emerged in October in response to signature-gathering attempts to "the anti-gay amendment and to educate and inform people and to let people know exactly what civil rights are," said vice president Lynetta St. Clair, a sociology major at Missouri Southern.

This proposed amendment says Missouri may not "enact, adopt, or enforce any statute, order, regulation or policy whereby homosexual, lesbian, or bisexual activity, conduct, or orientation shall entitle a person or a class of persons to have or demand any minority status, quota preference, affirmative action or claim discrimination. This section shall be in all respects self-executing. This section is severable, and should any portion hereof be found uncon-

stitutional the remainder shall in all respects remain in force."

"It (the amendment) would legalize discrimination against lesbians, homosexuals, and bisexuals," said Rick Reniker, president of the Coalition. "Some buy into the rhetoric of special rights. It's not a special right to be protected from discrimination."

The Coalition believes all people are guaranteed civil rights no matter what their sexual preference.

"I view this as a human rights issue," Reniker said. "They are trying to vote on civil rights."

The Coalition is currently existing on community support and donations.

"We've had several contributors give generous donations," St. Clair said. "It is greatly appreciated and needed."

Persons interested in the Coalition and its work can call Reniker at (417) 659-8307 or write P.O. Box 2281, Joplin, MO 64803. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month in the Joplin Community Service Center at 101 Main Street.

NORTH PARK MALL

Shops shift locations

By HEIDI WEAVER
STAFF WRITER

Changes are soon to be seen at Northpark Mall. One change includes the relocation of B. Dalton Booksellers and Payless ShoeSource.

"These changes free up space and make other parts of the mall stronger," said Greg Sims, general manager of the mall.

Payless ShoeSource will move next to For-All Bible, a bookstore at the north end of the mall.

"The new store should open approximately Feb. 15," said Tony Brummer, store manager at Payless ShoeSource.

"The merchandise will be the same as the rest of the chain, but it will be a brand-new spring line."

B. Dalton Booksellers will move into the former Christmas Shop.

"The new store is going to be bigger and more modern," said Kelly Carrell, store manager at B. Dalton Booksellers. "It is definitely not going to be orange."

B. Dalton will also take a portion of the former Circus World. "There will be 1,000 to 1,500

feet available for a new store to occupy," Sims said. "That is a prime location and shouldn't take long to fill."

The spaces B. Dalton Booksellers and Payless ShoeSource are leaving will not remain vacant. The Express will relocate and occupy both spaces.

"The construction will start for the new store as soon as B. Dalton and Payless have cleared out," said Sheryl Teel, manager of Express. "The opening date of the new store as of now is July 7."

Structures, a men's apparel store, will be opening in the location Express is leaving. This store is part of the Express chain.

"Structures should be completed by September or October," Teel said.

Another new store soon will be entering the mall next to Camera America. Pro Image is a new licensed sports apparel store.

"We are working on improving the mixed image of the mall," Sims said.

Norwest Financial is also moving to a new location near Camera America.

Neosho sports a real

Haunted House?

By JENNIFER SEXTON
STAFF WRITER

If seeing is believing, State Rep. George Kelly (D-Neosho) believes.

For years, Neosho residents have heard about Lucinda, a spirit who frequents the historic Job Ratliff home, located north of the city on Scenic Route.

Kelly moved into the house with his wife, Joyce, and son, Tom, about 20 years ago. They have been seeing and hearing Lucinda from just about the first day they began cleaning up the old historic mansion and surrounding land.

"A year before we bought the place, we were all working out here because this was all jungle around the house as it had been sitting empty for about 10-12 years," Kelly said. "I was working about a hundred feet from the house, and I looked up and saw a lady standing on the back porch watching me. So, I dropped my chainsaw and came up to the house, but she was gone. I figured she had gone into the house because the doors were down, but I could not find anything, so I forgot it."

Several months later someone stopped by and told them about the ghost who supposedly haunts the house.

"One day before we bought the house," Kelly said, "my wife was standing out here cleaning the brush from the fence row, and an old lady stopped and said to her, 'Do you ever see the ghost?' So my wife said, 'Oh, you know George,' and she made a circle around her ear like I'm cracked in the head. When the elderly lady asked if she [Lucinda] was still wearing the blue dress with the white apron, it took the wind out of our sails."

Kelly and his family moved into the house after purchasing it from the Geyer family. The pre-Civil War era house was built in 1855 by Job Ratliff and had sat vacant for several years before the



JENNIFER SEXTON/The Chart

This house was built in 1855 and is rumored to be haunted by the ghost of a woman who died in 1875.



Next week: The story continues as Lucinda scares several trick-or-treaters and a fisherman.

Kellys bought it.

Mary Louise Davis, lifelong Neosho resident and historian, helped the Kellys get in touch with the Geysers. After promising to restore the historic home, the family was allowed to make the purchase.

"We all had to live in one room while the house was being restored, which took several years before the repairs were complete," Kelly said.

Kelly arrived at the name of Lucinda after finding a tombstone out in the brush. Lucinda, who was married to a man named J.D. Cook, lived from 1853 to 1875. Her tombstone lies just northwest of the home and is supposedly one of several graves in the yard.

While Lucinda is most often seen or heard, Kelly recalls

times when she has moved things around the house as well.

"The next time I saw her, I had set my easel and stuff up in the front room," he said. "Well, my wife doesn't like for me to paint in there because I get little specs of paint on the carpet."

"I went into the kitchen and heard a crash in the front room. I came back in, and my easel was thrown out on the floor and my paints were knocked off the stand. I looked to my left and saw a flash of blue leaving the room."

Kelly thought it was highly unusual for his wife to throw a temper tantrum like that because of her easy-going nature.

"I thought, boy, she must really be angry," he said. "I opened the door, and this lady was going up the stairs. So I went in and picked up all my stuff and put it away."

"Thirty-five minutes later, I thought 'Where is she? She can't be mad this long.' So I went up, and there was nobody there. I came back down, and she was in the back room on the bottom floor getting ready for bed. She hadn't been out here and didn't know I had the stuff out. When I opened the door and the lady was going up the stairs, it didn't dawn on me that

my wife doesn't even own a long blue dress."

Several people have seen Lucinda over the years, Kelly claims, including two Neosho policemen.

While Kelly was Neosho chief of police, two officers saw Lucinda standing on the porch when they came to speak to him. One of them spoke to her, but she would not respond. After learning about Lucinda, both men never returned to the Ratliff House.

"We had an undercover operation one time that had four or five officers involved in it," Kelly said. "We would meet every night at 1 a.m. for security reasons. One time you could hear footsteps in the room above us. One of the men asked me 'I thought your wife and son were asleep?' I told him, 'They are.' He said, 'Well, who is that walking around upstairs?'"

"I told him he didn't really want to know who it was."

Kelly said his father-in-law used to hear someone walking around upstairs and on the staircase while he was working on the house shortly after the family moved in. He later refused to work out there.

FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS

Singleton gives music bad 'rap'

SB 641 would restrict sale of explicit music

By T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Minors, cover your ears. If a bill introduced by Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) gains passage, some Missourians will need their I.D. to buy a cassette or compact disc.

Senate Bill 641, now pending in the Missouri Senate commerce and consumer protection committee, would make it a crime to sell recordings with parental advisory labels to persons under 18.

Singleton said the purpose of the bill is to protect youth from detrimental messages.

"It is appropriate that Senate Bill 641 follows Senate Bill 640 in that both deal with trash," he said Tuesday in presenting the measure. "I'm a supporter of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, but in this instance I'm saying we should protect persons under 18 from being bombarded by the messages being conveyed by gangsta' rap."

Gangsta' rap is a musical form which proponents claim realistically depicts the struggles and threats faced by citizens in urban areas. Critics claim it is a musical form that encourages the killing of police officers and the degradation and abuse of women.

The bill almost immediately drew fire from foes both on the committee and witnesses appearing in opposition to the

proposal.

Sen. William Clay (D-St. Louis) questioned whether the bill transferred parental authority to the government and undermined the positive efforts of single parents.

"Senator, is it the proper role of government to police children?" he asked. "Just because only one parent is in the home does not prevent that parent from the right to raise and discipline their children."

"I find it ironic that your party which claims to be the one of family values wants to take on the role of policing the family."

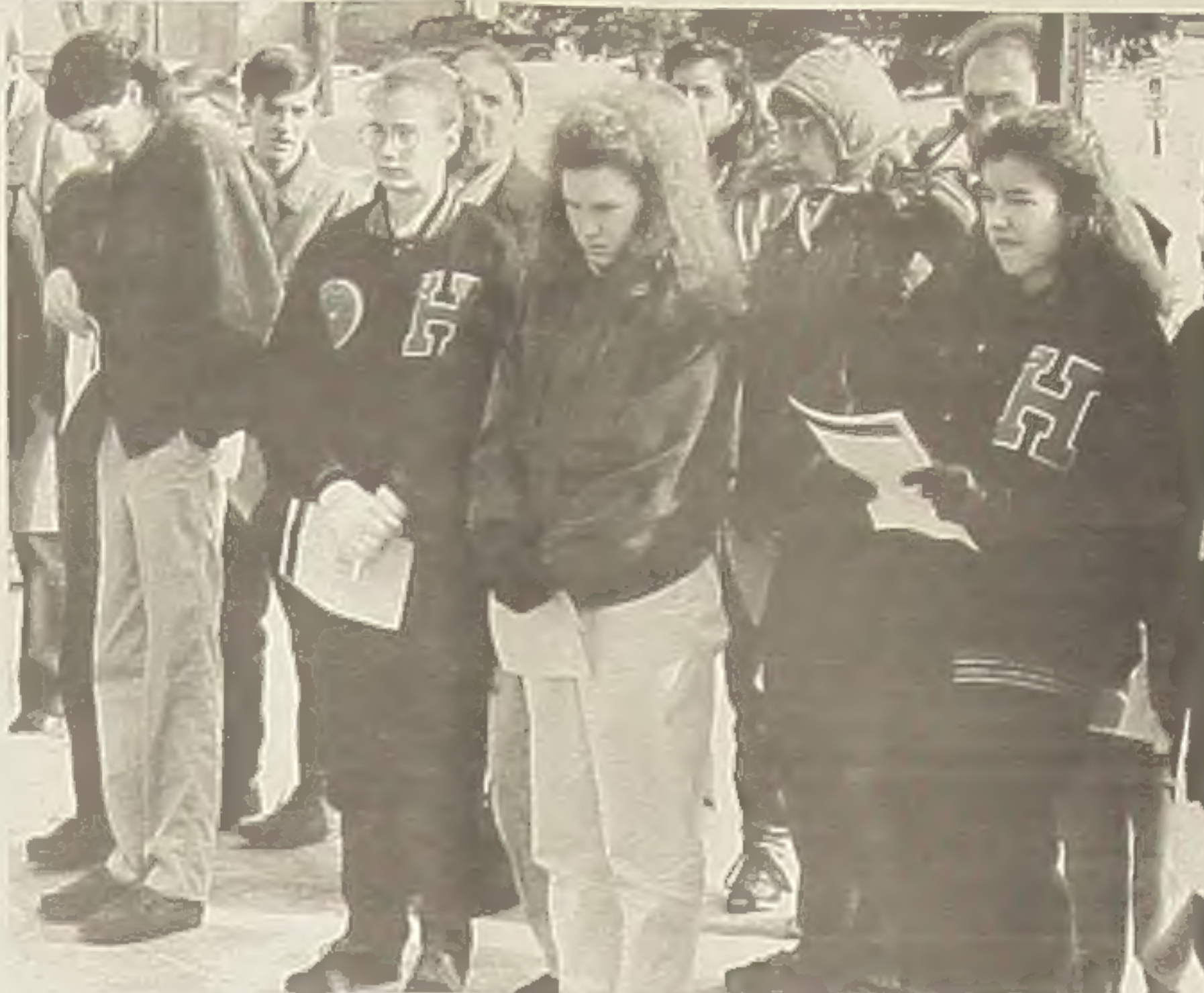
Tim Sites, vice president of communications of the Recording Industry Association of America, found three problems with Singleton's proposal.

"First, it would undermine parental authority—simply, government does not make a good parent," Sites said. "Second, it would undermine the PIAA's parental advisory program—manufacturers would simply stop labeling the product to avoid the problem. Third, this bill would undermine the Constitution."

Singleton said his bill is not censorship, but a form of commercial regulation based on a danger to a segment of the public.

"This is the same as alcohol or tobacco," Singleton said. "There is an entrepreneurial history here, where we have always

PRAYING FOR LIFE



T.R. HANRAHAN/The Chart

Pro-life supporters bow their heads in prayer for the unborn during a rally last week outside the Capitol. Rep. Carl Vogel (R-Jefferson City) and Sen. Larry Rohrbach (R-California) spoke to the group.

regulated products that posed a threat."

Sites took exception to that view.

"Alcohol and tobacco are two substances that have scientifically been shown to cause harm," he said. "That link has never been established with regard to musical expression."

Singleton said there is a link.

"Four-letter words are not appropriate," he said. "To call women bitches is not appropriate. To accept this as a society is not appropriate."

"For too long we have been treating the symptom and not

the disease. These are not the messages we need to be sending to 13-to-10-year-olds."

Critics, however, said artists have a right to express these ideas.

"This is artistic expression," Clay said. "Artists have the right to produce it, and consumers have the right to purchase it."

Sites agreed with Clay's interpretation and suggested an alternative.

"I don't personally agree with the lyrics," he said. "However, I make my statement and express my preference in the market-

place.

"Any artist who makes music that does not have an audience will not be in the business very long."

Singleton said he does not wish to limit anyone's constitutional rights.

"The First Amendment guarantees freedom of speech," he said. "I'm not trying to limit freedom of expression; I'm saying if you are going to express yourself in this manner, express it to adults."

"I think there is an acceptable behavior pattern and an unacceptable behavior pattern."

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Bill would penalize irresponsible gun storage

[Editor's note: This is the first of a series on crime bills pending in the Missouri General Assembly. Next week's installment will cover efforts to address juvenile crime.]

By T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Cindy was a normal 10-year-old until a handgun changed her life forever. Now, the St. Louis girl's story may help convince Missouri legislators to change the law.

Last year, Cindy and a friend found a gun. The friend's father, a police officer, inadvertently left the gun loaded and within reach of the girls. As they examined the gun, it went off and Cindy was left with massive facial and brain injuries.

She underwent three opera-

tions, 10 days in the intensive care unit, and 90 days in the hospital. Her hospital bill totaled more than \$200,000.

Dr. Gregory C. Rinehart, Cindy's plastic surgeon, last week urged the Senate judiciary committee to act favorably on Senate Bill 506. The bill, introduced by Sen. J.B. "Jet" Banks (D-St. Louis), would create the

crime of criminal storage of a firearm.

"As a result of this incident, the St. Charles Police Department has issued an order that all off-duty police officers must have firearms locked appropriately," Rinehart said. "If police officers, who certainly know the devastation of guns, can see the need for appropriate locked storage or locks—shouldn't all of us?"

Under provisions of the bill, persons are guilty of the offense if they keep any loaded firearm on any premise under their control and should know that a child of 14 years of age or under is likely to gain access to the firearm without consent of the child's parent or guardian and cause injury to himself or others.

"Everyone is alarmed at reports of accidents and violent

crime involving guns and youth," Banks told the committee. "A loaded firearm in the home should be kept from being readily accessible to kids."

Rinehart, a staff member of Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis, said of 900 severely injured children treated at Cardinal Glennon in 1993, 5 percent were injured by guns.

"Sixty-six percent of these children were under the age of 10 who were at the wrong place at the wrong time," he said in his testimony. "The inherent curiosity of the young child and the mystique of guns will always put kids at risk."

"Protecting parents and adults cannot always be present where guns happen to be. Knowing that one out of four homes has a firearm, those of us in health care have come to believe that accidents are waiting to hap-

pen."

Several committee members suggested requiring gun owners to carry insurance would help reduce risk. Banks said he would not oppose such a move.

"I'll look at that and see," he said. "Anything we can do to save lives I'm in favor of."

In addition to legislative measures, Rinehart stressed the joint efforts of the American Pediatric Society and the National Center to Prevent Handgun Violence.

"Together, they are launching education efforts to all their patients and families encouraging proper storage of all firearms," he said. "It would be my hope, and many of those at Glennon, that Missouri's legislators realize the need to protect the children who cannot protect themselves and who, unfortunately, do not vote."

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

Lawmakers' 1994 plates full

Singleton, Burton cite health care as key issue for General Assembly

By T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The second regular session of the 87th Missouri General Assembly is just three weeks old, but two area lawmakers have some specific goals for 1994.

Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) has already begun to introduce legislation in areas he considers vital. Two Singleton-sponsored bills deal with the training requirements for peace officers, one with health care, and a third regulates the sale of explicit recordings to minors.

"All our plates are full with lots of opportunities," Singleton said. "There is so much we have yet to do."

Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin) agreed.

"There are a lot of big issues," he said. "There is workman's comp again—which I personally view as a major issue."

"Hopefully, it will come to the floor again and we can do those last few things."

WHO YA GONNA CALL?

Area legislators and where to find them:

Sen. Marvin Singleton (R—Seneca)	Room 225 (314)751-2306
Rep. Chuck Surface (R—Joplin)	Room 201-F (314)751-2173
Rep. Gary Burton (R—Joplin)	Room 201-G (314)751-7082
Rep. T. Mark Elliott (R—Webb City)	Room 135-AB(314)751-5458
Rep. Martin (Bubs) Hobulin (R—Lamar)	Room 135-AC(314)751-2165
Rep. George T. Kelly, Jr. (D—Neosho)	Room 114-A (314)751-0190

Singleton also believes workman's compensation is a major issue for this session, but he added a few more subjects for legislators to address.

"We do need to revisit workman's comp—we didn't fix that," he said. "I also support juvenile crime reform. We haven't reviewed that for 11 to 20 years."

"Health care is another major subject. But we need to realize that we need more efficient gov-

ernment, not bigger government."

Burton shares Singleton's view of big government and said that philosophy will fuel his actions on welfare reform.

"I don't want to pass a bill just to expand benefits," he said. "I also want to get people off welfare. You can't solve every problem by throwing money at it."

The General Assembly opened Jan. 5.

HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

Inauguration set for Keiser

Dr. John Keiser will be inaugurated as the eighth president of Southwest Missouri State University Saturday in a ceremony beginning at 10 a.m. in the Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts.

About 120 delegates from universities throughout the United States will join Missouri legislators and state officials, the Board of Regents, and SMSU faculty, staff, and students in honoring Keiser. Dr. Charles McClain, Missouri commissioner for higher education, will serve as grand marshal. A procession will feature 350-400 people in academic regalia.

The inauguration is completely funded through money raised from private sources. The event will cost less than the \$20,000 limit set by the Board of Regents.

Keiser, former president of Boise State University, has been SMSU president since July 1.

SEMO probe results in suit

An English professor at Southeast Missouri State University has filed a \$2.5 million lawsuit against the university after it had launched an investigation into sexual harassment allegations against him.

Ted Hirschfield claims he didn't receive due process from Southeast, the university has operated in "bad faith," and his right to free speech in the classroom were violated.

A student in Hirschfield's creative writing class accused him of sexual harassment following remarks made in several lectures in the spring semester of 1993.

Hirschfield said he was notified about the first meeting to discuss the university's investigation only a few hours before it took place.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court, does not address the validity of the allegations against him, but his right to free speech and due process.

Students eye new center

A student forum to discuss a proposed recreational center at Northeast Missouri State University is planned for 3 p.m. today in the Missouri Hall Cafeteria.

The center, which would be entirely student-sponsored, would require an additional activities fee of \$45 to \$60 per semester. Northeast students will vote on the measure in April.

The Northeast student senate plans to distribute more than 1,000 surveys in several academic buildings and residence halls next week.

The surveys will give students the opportunity to examine the senate's ideas and offer their own suggestions.

Stephens Stars to shine again

Stephens College will reinstate its intercollegiate athletics program for competition in NCAA Division III in the fall of 1994.

Stephens will compete in volleyball, soccer, swimming, and tennis. The women's college, which phased out its athletics program in 1988-89, has never competed in soccer.

A committee of students, faculty, staff, and alumnae has voted to resurrect the "Stephens Stars," the mascot used by the Columbia college prior to 1989.

NWMSU hit with fee hike

Combined tuition and housing costs will increase for students at Northwest Missouri State University next year.

Tuition for in-state undergraduates will rise from \$67 per credit hour this academic year to \$71 per credit hour in the 1994-95 academic year, an increase of about 6 percent.

Out-of-state undergraduates who pay \$119 per credit hour this semester will pay \$124.50 per credit hour in 1994-95.

BATTLE OF THE BUDGET:

15 school districts fight for solvency

The following 15 school districts began the current school year with one or more serious financial problems:

District:

Chilhowee R-IV
Houston R-I
Lafayette County C-1
Libertyville C-2
Miami R-I
Normandy
North Daviess County R-III
Osage County R-I
Pattersonburg R-II
Pemisot County R-III
Pleasant Hope R-VI
Raymondville R-VII
Thayer R-II
Winfield R-IV
Winston R-VI

Location:

Johnson County
Texas County
Higginsville
St. Francois County
Bates County
St. Louis County
Jameson
Chamois
Daviess County
Caruthersville
Polk County
Texas County
Oregon County
Lincoln County
Daviess County

SOURCE: Mo. Dept. of Elementary & Secondary Education

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lady Lions face Rolla Saturday

Harlin leads squad past NMSU with 18

By CHAD HAYWORTH
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Despite their 16th-place ranking in the NCAA Division II polls, the Lady Miners of the University of Missouri-Rolla come into Saturday's contest with the Lady Lions three games behind in the MIAA standings at 4-4 and 13-5 overall.

"Rolla is a scrappy team that is really quick at the guards," said Missouri Southern Coach Scott Ballard. "They play good man-to-man defense, and they win with it."

The Lady Miners are led by senior forward Joe Kvetensky, who is averaging 19.6 points per contest.

"Kvetensky is definitely their go-to player," Ballard said. "We don't expect them to make many turnovers. They take care of the basketball."

Ballard said Saturday's contest is a big game for the Lady Lions. "We are very happy to be playing this game at home," he said. "They are beatable, but they do a lot of good things."

"We will have our hands full." Last night, Southern downed the Northwest Missouri State University Lady Bearcats 83-62 in Maryville. The Lady Bearcats fell to 0-7 in the MIAA and 4-13

on the year.

Junior guard Sonya Harlin led Southern (5-2, 11-3) with 18 points, while senior forward Honey Scott chipped in 12.

The Lady Lions scored the first eight points of the game and held the Lady Bearcats scoreless for the first five minutes. Southern led 39-22 with 4:15 to go in the first half, but could not score the rest of the way and Northwest rattled off 11 straight points to close the gap to 39-34 at halftime.

"We played a pretty good first half if you exclude the last three minutes," Ballard said. "They started pressing us and the game got rough, and before you know it we had a bunch of careless turnovers."

"They got some easy baskets and got themselves back in the game."

In the second half, Southern scored the first seven points and never looked back, eventually pulling away from the Lady Bearcats.

"We were for the most part pleased with the way we played in the second half," Ballard said. "This was a good game for Teresa McLaury and Melissa Grider, who have to take care of the point with the absence of Carrie Garrison." (Please see related story, this page.)

Grider, a sophomore, became academically eligible at the end of the first semester and joined the team in the Great Goombay Shootout in Nassau, Bahamas, in January.

IN TRAFFIC



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Missouri Southern's Melissa Grider, a sophomore guard, splits two Emporia State defenders. The Lady Lions beat the Hornets, 77-62.

"The Bahamas trip was good for Melissa," Ballard said. "She has struggled a little from a consistency factor, but she improves game by game."

Ballard said Grider had been hampered by some knee and arch problems in her feet.

Wednesday, the Lady Lions play again at Young Gymnasium when they face the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

"They run a five-guard offense," Ballard said. "They have shot more than 120 three-pointers so far this season."

Ballard said the Riverwomen don't particularly rebound well, as the absence of a true post player hurts them.

"They did beat Southwest Baptist on the road, and they all like to throw it up," he said.

Garrison to undergo operation

Lady Lion starting point guard Carrie Garrison is out for the rest of the season and will undergo reconstructive knee surgery in about three weeks, Coach Scott Ballard said.

Garrison, a junior from Marshfield, tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee. She leads the team in assists with 46 and free-throw percentage at .808.

"We miss Carrie a lot because of her consistent play and her defense," Ballard said. "But we have a lot of confidence in the nine we have left. They can get the job done."

"Her offensive production was not what we asked from Carrie, we needed her to run the team."

Garrison was replaced in the starting lineup by sophomore guard Teresa McLaury, a sophomore from Kansas City.

"Teresa is a kamikaze-style player," Ballard said. "She is consistently trying to create the play."

Ballard said he believes McLaury will adapt more of Garrison's smooth, consistent style with her increase in playing time.

"She listened and responded in a very positive way."

McLaury, a sophomore guard who joined the team at the end of the first semester, will also see some time at the point guard position.

SPORTS COLUMN



DAVID BURNETT

Maybe I need some assistance

Last week I won the John Madden's Football Championship of Sega at Arron and Chris' house. Of course, this great honor doesn't mean squat at Eric and Norm's apartment or at Mike, Chris, and Loran's house. Winning at one place provides no respect at another.

It's kind of like the heavy-weight title—unless you win all three, you are never considered the undisputed champion.

How did this fascination with video games become so intense that it can hold the attention of a college student's every free moment?

Is there a personal need to fantasize that I'm really the Kansas City Chiefs' whole team once?

I can't count the number of times I've seen somebody make a good play and then stand up and shout at his opponent like he was actually doing this in front of 70,000 people.

What could do this to someone?

Of course, I'm just asking questions, not actually criticizing because just yesterday I was doing the same thing.

I feel like I need to go to a VGA (Video Games Anonymous) meeting. I can hear my story now as I stand in front of my peers who have all been afflicted with an addiction to video games.

"Well, it all started for me when I was 9 years old at Pizza Hut," I say nervously. "I was at a birthday party, and a friend came up to me and asked if I wanted to try it. He said the kids were doing it. It didn't seem like much at the time. So I did it—I put my first quarter in a Space Invaders machine."

"I thought I could stop any time I wanted. Boy, was I wrong."

Others begin to cry as I continue. My story is all too familiar.

"My addiction grew from there when I advanced Donkey Kong," I continued. "I always told myself I wouldn't do the hard stuff, but I couldn't stop myself."

"I was using my lunch money, I beat up little kids at school and took their change, and I even stole from the church offering plate!"

"It just got worse in high school. At my senior prom I brought a Game Boy and ignored my date while at the dance. She returned the favor later that night."

"I was a fool to think College would be different. I'm sorry, I don't mean to cry; it's just that you all have been so understanding."

"Just last week I was challenged at a friend's house to a game of Sports Talk Baseball, and I admit I got a little shaky and sweaty, but I just thought of you here at Video Anonymous and I couldn't let you down."

"Thanks for the support. It won't be easy, but I'm living one day at a time. I have even taken the golf game off my home computer."

Well, I doubt if my attraction to sport video games becomes that strong, but I still wish I knew why it is so addictive.

David Burnett

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Lions fall to Northwest Missouri

Flu-ridden Tucker scores 12 in losing effort

By TONY JACKSON
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The struggling Miners of the University of Missouri-Rolla may be just the remedy for Robert Corn's squad as they come to Young Gymnasium Saturday to take on the Lions.

Missouri Southern suffered a three-point loss at the hands of the Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats last night in Maryville. In a game that saw seven ties and 17 lead changes, Southern watched a five-point halftime lead evaporate.

"We established the pace and controlled the tempo for a majority of the game," Corn said. "But we let up, played soft, and did not aggressively push the ball up in the later stages of the game." An 8-2 run by the Bearcats, who were led by forward Donnie Taylor, knotted the game at 51 in the second half.

The Northwest Missouri crowd witnessed a see-saw battle for the remainder of the game. Several Bearcats stepped up their games after halftime.

"Donnie Taylor changed the tempo of the game," Corn said.

"Our game plan was to play him for the drive, but he stood up and consistently hit his jump shot."

Taylor, a 6-foot-5 senior forward, had 16 points, all in the second half. Darrell Wrenn, a 6-4 senior, scored 15, including the game's only dunk. The

pushed the ball quickly up the floor, but could not get open for a shot. He dished to guard Dirk Price, whose off-balance shot was off the mark. After some scrambling underneath, junior guard Kelly Henderson had an open look at the basket. His shot rimmed out.

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— Coach Robert Corn

NMSU bench scored nearly half of the team's total with 41.

With less than half a minute to play and the score 83-82 in favor of the Bearcats, senior forward Chris Tucker stole the ball in his defensive end. After a breakaway pass to junior guard Ray Morris, who was tripped near half court, the Lions turned the ball over. Bearcat guard Jamie Hoberg sank two free throws to give the hosts a three-point edge.

The Lions, who were out of timeouts, had 17 seconds left. Southern guard Kyle Hardin

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Tucker grabbed the long rebound and attempted a three-pointer of his own, but to no avail.

The 85-82 defeat dropped Southern to 2-8 in the MIAA and 8-9 for the season. NMSU moved to 6-1 and 12-5.

Tucker, who was slowed by the flu, had 12 points, off from his average of 19.9.

"The flu hampered his performance," Corn said. "He was not his usual self, and it hurt."

TO THE HOLE



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"Not a day goes by that I don't crave a beer...but now it's 20 Diet Cokes a day and all the M & Ms I can get."
—John Daly, a PGA professional on recovering from an alcohol addiction.

The most points ever scored in an NCAA Division I game by an individual was 100 by Frank Selvy for Furman v. Newberry on Feb. 13, 1954.



Swami Says.....

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Each week the Swami will attempt to pick the winner of five college basketball games, using supernatural wisdom and insight. His record and percentage will be kept for all to see.

At first glance in my crystal ball I saw a vision of John Wooden smiling. UCLA wins big. The loss of Chris Weber hurt, but having no bench will be a bigger factor when playing a quality club that is well coached; Badgers will steal this one. The seven-foot center for the Rebels will make Dale Brown wish he had Shaq back. I keep hearing the rhythmic chant of Rock Chalk in my head; KU wins easy. My final vision was of a large lump of coal; too bad for the nationally 16th ranked Lady Miners!

1. UCLA v. CALIFORNIA

2. WISCONSIN v. MICHIGAN

3. MISSISSIPPI v. LSU

4. KANSAS v. MISSOURI

5. LADY LIONS v. ROLLA

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